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This is what coming home is all about! Three crew members of the Randolph C-21A that was deployed for four months to support Operation Iraqi Freedom are warmly met by loved ones after their return June 12. (Photo by Bob Hieronymous)

Welcome home

Randolph brings home only aircraft deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

Last week Randolph welcomed the return of the only aircraft from the base to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The C-21A, with four members of the 332nd Airlift Flight on board, taxied onto the ramp to the cheers of a crowd of family and friends and a convoy of fire and security forces vehicles.

The crews and plane completed a four-month tour flying senior officials all over Southwest Asia. One measure of the quality of service they provided was that Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the coalition forces there, took time to pin captain's bars on three of the pilots when their promotion day came around.

The Randolph people who were deployed are Maj. Jack Burns, who did double duty as flight commander and operations officer, Captains Jason Kirkland, Ben Robins, and Derek Tate, and 1st Lt. Jeremy Leighton.

"All the people in the 332nd ALF are thrilled with their return. They performed extremely well over there," said Lt. Col. Scott Blum, commander of the 332nd ALF.

The 332nd ALF is one of those organizations that pass almost unnoticed on the base. It is small, with six assigned

aircraft and about 35 people. It is subordinate to the 375th Airlift Wing, headquartered at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Colonel Blum points out that "the real mission of the flight and the C-21A aircraft itself is to prepare seasoned pilots for assignment to heavy airlift units throughout the Air Force." Flying the C-21A is far less expensive than the big planes, he said.

"Here pilots can fly 1,000 to 1,500 hours in a three year tour developing the skills that will mark them as experienced pilots. It's tough to get that much quality flying time in any other kind of unit. This is a highly desired assignment," he said.

In fulfilling this training mission, the 332nd ALF responds to taskings from the Joint Operations Support Airlift Center at Scott AFB where military air travel for all the services is coordinated. That means that missions from Randolph may take the planes and crews anywhere in the fifty states, Central or South America.

Colonel Blum said that most flights also have room for Space Available travelers. Air Force policy is to fill those seats whenever possible.

Logistical support for the sleek, eight passenger jets is provided by Raytheon Aerospace LLC at eight stateside and four overseas locations where the planes are based. As of today, the name of the company is formally changed to "All the people in the 332nd ALF are thrilled with their return. They performed extremely well over there."

Lt. Col. Scott Blum 332nd ALF Commander

Vertex Aerospace LLC but the service remains the same.

The plane is the military version of the Learjet 35A business jet. The C-21A can be quickly converted to a medical evacuation configuration, which happens often here at Randolph. It cruises at speeds up to 530 miles per hour and mission ranges can be more than 2,000 miles.

One of the frequent flyers on the 332nd ALF routes is the commander of Air Education and Training Command. The general's aide, Maj. Jen Fullmer, said that the people of the flight have always been supportive of their requirements. "They're always willing to go the extra mile to be sure all the travelers have their needs met," she said.

For more information about the 332nd ALF, call 652-4005. For more information about space-available travel, call passenger services at 652-3752.

12th Flying Training Wing training timeline

Pilot Instructor Training Squadron Senior Class Overall 99th FTS -16.0 0.0 558th FTS 0.8 -0.7

559th FTS

560th FTS

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

-7.3

-3.9

1.0

Navigator, EWO training 562nd FTS 563rd FTS

562nd FTS 563rd FTS

Air Force 227 Undergraduate 49

Navy 84 International 12

International 2 EWC Course 0

Fundamentals 0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft Required Flown **Annual** T-1A 2,713 2,593 3,835 6,282 T-6A 6,225 8,863 T-37B 6,228 6,024 8,641 T-38A 6,129 6,235 8,640 T-43A 826 861 1.158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions for the current month, and the required missions for fiscal 03.

Weekend weather

DayForecastHighLowToday9571Saturday9571Sunday9672



Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide

12th Flying Training Wing commander

response.

Civilian Pay Safety Office Col. Mark Graper Housing adhere to the posted traffic regulations and maintain vigilance for pedestrians. The 12th Security Forces Squadron is utilizing its limited traffic management

Security Forces

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motorists travel. There is a method to help our security forces catch or confront violators and restore both motorist and pedestrian safety on Randolph. Here's how: if you

resources to control the traffic flow throughout the base

each and every day. However, we can all understand

that it's virtually impossible for them to be everywhere

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through

the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call

is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or

in writing. I ask callers to include their name and

telephone number so we may send a personal

witness a traffic violation, please take down the vehicle's license plate number and vehicle description, and write down the time the location of the offense. Next, take that information to the security forces control center located in Building 235.

12th FTW IG

FW&A Hotline

EEO Complaints

Randolph Clinic

Base Exchange

Commissary

Straight Talk

Equal Opportunity

652-2727

652-4376

652-3665

652-3749

652-2933

674-8917 652-5102

652-7469

Agency contact numbers

652-5509

652-5971

652-2401

652-4314

652-1851

652-6480

652-2224

652-1856

Armed with this information, the security forces can better track down and deal with those violators who would otherwise go unnoticed. I believe that with assistance from Team Randolph, we can make the roads much safer for everyone.

Base traffic

Question: I am very concerned about traffic on the base. It is very rare that I see people going 15 mph in housing, 25 mph on the main base roads or stopping for people at crosswalks.

nswer: Driving on Randolph can be a challenge. As members of Team Randolph, it is important that we all

PCS moving tips from TMO

By Lucille Hays 12th Transportation Squadron

The peak-moving season is here.

During the peak-shipping season, Randolph and other bases in the San Antonio area are competing for carrier and contractor services. Approximately 1,400 PCS moves take place annually here during the June through mid-September timeframe. Upon receipt of orders, members may schedule an appointment with the traffic management office for shipment and storage arrangements. No documentation or movement can be initiated without orders in hand. It is very important that you not to delay scheduling an appointment. The scheduled briefing is a mandatory appointment.

With the volume of customers that must be accommodated during peak season, rescheduling becomes difficult and might result in unnecessary delays in the move.

Before going to the personal property counseling appointment, it is important the member know exactly what they want moved and the date for shipments to be picked up. Each type shipment, such as baggage, household goods and non-

"No documentation or movement can be initiated without orders in hand."

temporary storage will be scheduled for pick up on separate days. Identify large or unusual items, such as glass or marble-top tables, pianos, pool tables, wall units, motorcycles or boats, to be included in each shipment.

The member must certify the shipment of professional books, papers and equipment necessary in the performance of official duties. When declared in the shipment, this weight will not be included as part of the weight entitlement. Discuss shipment of these items with the TMO counselor at the time you arrange for movement of your personal property.

When the moving agent calls for a premove inspection, please cooperate as much as possible. Be sure to show everything you plan to move, including any items in the storage room, attic and garage. Being available for the pre-move inspection will also ensure that adequate packing materials are available for your move and ensure unusual items are noted

that may require special equipment or handling for safe movement.

The normal hours of operations for the movers are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Make sure you are at your residence during these hours to avoid an attempted pick up of your property. Should you require additional assistance pertaining to your entitlements, please contact TMO at 652-1848 or 652-1849. You may also contact the Quality Assurance section at the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, San Antonio, should problems occur with the contractor or carrier during your move. Their number is 321-4200, ext. 1162.

Do not allow movers to pack coin banks, coin sets, valuable jewelry, orders, personal files, passports (if applicable), and references needed, such as to obtain credit or buy a new home, at your destination. Be sure to separate and secure these items, as well as travelers' checks and money, before the packers arrive. It is recommended that you hand carry these items so they are readily

available when you need them.

You may also be interested in moving part or all of your personal property using the Personal Procured Move, formerly Do-It-Yourself Move. This move method entitles the member to an incentive equal to 95 percent of the government's constructed cost of the move. Be sure to ask your counselor about this method of moving.

There are many useful links and even tools to help you formulate a weight estimate for your property. You may also formulate questions to be discussed at your TMF appointment, which will enhance the counseling process. Our personnel will do everything possible to ensure that your PCS move will be as "smooth as possible, and we hope you follow these tips that will allow us to better accommodate you. Also, check the daily bulletin and the Wingspread for our periodic updates on personal property move information.

Visit the following Web sites for more information on personal property shipment/storage entitlements and information on destination bases: http://jppso-sat.randolph.af.mil http://www.afcrossroads.com/Base.

Congratulations Retirees

Capt. Juan Zane Crawford, Air Education and Training Command

Chief Master Sgt. Nick Stradley, Air Education and Training Command

Master Sgt. Roland Gibson Jr., Air Force Personnel Center

Battle of the Groups 2003 Battle of the Groups is part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Wing units are

awarded "reduction points" for safety initiatives and lack of mishaps and other incidents. (Standings provided by 12th FTW safety office)

Here are the standings as of close of business Wednesday:

12th Logistics Group: -14.8

12th Support Group: -6.19

12th Operations Group: -3.03

12th Medical Group: 0

Retirement announcements should be submitted to the Wingspread office by Friday at noon two weeks prior to the desired date of publication. E-mail announcements to randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil or fax them to 652-5412. For more information, call the Wingspread office at 652-5760.

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News Briefs

AFOMS change of command

The Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron is having its change of command June 27 at 10 a.m. in the officers' club international room.

Lt. Col. Eugene Henry will be replaced by Lt. Col. John Gardner. Colonel Henry will be going to the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, N. M. Colonel Gardner is coming from the Pentagon as the Operations Officer and Chief, National Intelligence Support Division, Joint Staff.

For more information, call 652-5433.

Change of command

The 12th Mission Support Squadron will hold its change of command July 1 at 10 a.m. at the officers' club. Maj. Mary Boucher will replace Lt. Col. Wilbert Thomas as commander.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Lynn Lightfoot at 652-4770.

OJT trainee

Airman 1st Class Krzysztof Miszczak, 12th Mission Support Squadron, was selected as the Base Level On-the-Job-Training trainee for the month of May.

For more information, call 652-5206.

560th FTS change of command

The 560th Flying Training Squadron will hold a change of command ceremony June 27 at 3 p.m. in Hangar 4. Lt. Col. Michael Kennedy will replace Lt. Col. John Keith Switzer as commander. A reception will follow at the Three's Inn in Hangar 12.

For more information, call 652-3518.

ALS graduation

The Randolph Airman Leadership School graduation and awards ceremony for class 03-6 is July 1 in the enlisted club. The social will start at 6 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for club members is \$14 and the cost for nonclub members is \$16. RSVP by Tuesday, close of business.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Marc LaMontagne at 652-5283.

Family day

Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, announced the following family days: July 3, Nov. 28, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 2004.

People who have questions about their days off should check with their supervisor.

12th SFS change of command

The 12th Security Forces Squadron is having its change of command June 30 at 9 a.m. at Building 235.

Lt. Col. Roger McNeal will be replaced by Maj. Stephen Spurlin.

For more information, call 652-5700.



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For more information, call the Unit Information Assurance awareness program manager or the wing IA office at 652-4231.



Second Lt. Keith Allison B-52 Barksdale AFB, La.



Ensign Thomas Bain Jr. P-3 MCB Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii



Ensign Christopher Berke EP-3 NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



Second Lt. Jeffrey Campbell C-130 Pope AFB, N.C.



Second Lt. John Carroll HC-130 Moody AFB, Ga.



Second Lt. Christopher Greene C-130 Dyess AFB, Texas



Second Lt. Erik Groeneveld B-52 Barksdale AFB, La.



Second Lt. Christopher Gunn RC-135 Offutt AFB, Neb.



Second Lt. Timothy Kirch EC-130 Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



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Second Lt. Wayne Walker B-52 Barksdale AFB, La.



Second Lt. Adam Williams E-8 Robins AFB, Ga.

JSUNT graduation set for today

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Seventeen Air Force and eight Navy aviators receive their navigator or naval flight officer wings during a Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker for today's graduation is Maj. Gen. Thomas Baptiste.

General Baptiste is currently the Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Divison, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and Director of Operations for Joint Forge (Bosnia) and Joint Guardian (Kosovo), Mons, Belgium.

General Baptiste is responsible for ensuring Allied Command Europe forces are at the necessary state of operational readiness to carry out effective measures directed by NATO political leadership.

General Baptiste graduated from California State University at Chico with a Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration-finance. He was then commissioned after attending Air Force Officer Training School.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or golden wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony.

The awards that will be presented during the graduation ceremony are:

• Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup Award: Presented to the most outstanding graduate based on demonstrated excellence in all phases of training while exhibiting strong qualities of professionalism and leadership.

• Alden C. Markey Award: Presented to the top Navy graduate based on performance in all phases of training

- Ira J. Husik Award: Presented to the navigator achieving the highest standard of excellence during the flying phase of training.
- Jack Donovan Award: Presented to the top electronic warfare officer graduate who has distinguished himself from his peers by outstanding airmanship, academic and officership skills.



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Gen. Don Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, assisted by Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers, AETC command chief master sergeant, surprised Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Needham by promoting him to technical sergeant under the STEP program. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

Two at AETC get STEP promotions

Two members of the Headquarters Air Education and Training Command staff got a surprise June 2 when they were promoted on the spot by Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander.

Under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program, the commander promoted Staff Sgt. Jeffery Needham of the Directorate of Personnel to technical sergeant and Tech. Sgt. Bryan Harder of the Directorate of Communications and Information to master sergeant.

Under the STEP program, commanders of major commands, commanders of field operating agencies or direct reporting units, and senior Air Force officers with large enlisted populations may select a limited number of airmen with exceptional potential for promotion to the grades of staff sergeant through master sergeant, according to information from the Air Force Personnel Center. The program that began in 1980 promotes about 422 people a year Air Force wide. (AETC)

Online registration, voting expands

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A Department of Defense voting experiment in the 2000 presidential elections that allowed military and overseas voters to cast their ballots through the Internet will expand in 2004.

Beginning this fall, Federal Voting Assistance Program officials hope to get as many as 100,000 military members — stateside and overseas — their eligible dependents and U.S. citizens living outside the United States to take part in the secure electronic registration and voting experiment, said Polli Brunelli, the program director. The experiment covers only those U.S. citizens who fall under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Mandated by Congress, project-eligible voters from participating project states will be able to register and vote electronically via any Windowsbased personal computer with Internet access from anywhere in world, Brunelli said.

In the 2000 experiment, 84 citizens located in 21 states and 11 countries voted in jurisdictions in South Carolina, Texas, Florida and Utah, proving the theory that online voting could work for voters wherever they lived, Brunelli said.

"We conducted a small 'proof-of-concept' experiment for the 2000 presidential election, and it was very successful. Now we are conducting another electronic voting project. Congress wants it to be large enough to be statistically relevant. This will allow us to make supportable

recommendations to ... Congress on the future of Internet voting for (absentee voters)," she said.

Brunelli said that 10 states are interested in participating in the 2004 project: Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington.

"We're looking for volunteer voters to participate in the project," she explained, "and we have a Web site where interested voters can see if their voting jurisdiction is participating in the project. Beginning later this year, the voter can sign up, then register and be able to vote in the 2004 elections."

According to Brunelli, local and state election officials will use the system to receive voter registration applications, provide ballots to voters and accept voted ballots.

Brunelli said security during the registration and ballot process is a primary concern. The system will use digital signatures for registration and ballot encryption as part of the security features.

"People are concerned about Internet security. We've looked at the threats that could happen to this type of system, and we've developed mitigating measures to guard against those threats," she said.

Brunelli said that not every county in participating states will be part of the program. She said voters can find a list of participating jurisdictions on the program's Web site at http://www.serveusa.gov. Counties that do participate will include the "full ballot" for that election — local, state and federal, she said.

Young Eagles' take flight

By Carl Bergquist Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — An "experience to remember" is how 12-year-old Danielle Orcutt described her flight June 7 here in a World War II vintage trainer aircraft piloted by retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager.

Danielle and 39 other "Young Eagles" were given the privilege of flying with aviation legends by winning an essay contest conducted at local elementary schools by the Gathering of Eagles program committee.

"It was like a roller-coaster ride, and Mr. Yeager allowed me to actually fly the airplane," said Danielle, the daughter of the command chief master sergeant for Standard Systems Group, Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, and her husband, John. "This is the first time I've ever been in a and Air Command and Staff College small airplane and it felt really, really cool to take control of the plane."

The flight was such a "fantastic experience," said the youngster, that she might be interested in pursuing a flying career.

General Yeager, who flew combat in World War II and Vietnam, was an Air Force test pilot and is probably best

known for being the first man to break the sound barrier. He said the goal of the Young Eagles project is to give one million children a chance to experience flying. The legend was here as a participant in Air Command and Staff College's Gathering of Eagles program.

"It is great to see the expressions on their faces and most are surprised at how easy it is to fly an airplane," he said. "But the real purpose of the program is to orient children to flying and teach them the principles of flight."

General Yeager, who has attended all but one of the 22 annual Gathering of Eagles at Air University, said the Young Eagles group hoped to hit its goal of one million children in flight by Dec. 17, the date Kitty Hawk, N.C., celebrates 100 years of manned flight.

This year's Young Eagles coordinator student, Maj. Jim Ledbetter, said the goals of the program are to provide young people with new perspectives of the world, encourage and inspire them in the field of aviation and motivate them to set goals for their futures.

"We want to give them a sense of confidence and determination, to instill a Experimental Aircraft Association of positive self-image and allow them to



Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager and Young Eagle Danielle Orcutt, 12, taxi down the flight line in a vintage World War II AT-6 Texan aircraft June 7 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (U.S. Air Force photo by Carl Bergquist)

discover their individual unlimited potential," he said.

The Young Eagles program was founded by General Yeager and is sponsored by the Oshkosh, Wis.

The Gathering of Eagles brings to ACSC some of the world's aviation pioneers. The annual event is designed to enhance the study of aviation history and emphasize the contributions to the world of aviation by these pioneers.

New Internet protocol version slated for debut

By Gerry J. Gilmore American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - An improved version of the Internet, featuring enhancements that improve system security and data delivery, will be part of DoD's integrated informationcommunications network, a senior U.S. defense official said here June 13.

Users will realize improved service when Internet Protocol Version 6 is incorporated across DoD systems, John Stenbit, assistant secretary of defense for networks and information integration, remarked to reporters during a Pentagon press conference.

DoD currently uses Version 4 of the Internet, Stenbit explained. That system, he noted, has some flaws.

"There are lots of issues that have come up with Internet Version 4," Stenbit pointed out, noting many commercial "fixes" have been made to address some of those problems.

One Version 4 fix, Stenbit said, concerns the number of Internet addresses that can be accessed. Yet, this issue, he pointed out, isn't of particular import to DoD.

However, DoD is concerned about the lack of information security safeguards that are inherent in Internet Version 4, Stenbit noted. And the department is aware of the current Internet system's lack of dependability in delivering electronic "packages" of information, which, Stenbit points out, has a negative impact on quality of service.

Today, "if you send a 'packet' on the Internet, nobody is guaranteeing you that it is going to get to the other end," Stenbit observed.

For example, he noted, sometimes Internet provider-generated video or audio conferences may lose sight or sound during transmission. This, he explained, is caused by Version 4 limitations.

Improvements addressing such quality of service issues are part of Internet Version 6, Stenbit explained.

And Version 6 development "has gotten far enough along so that people now deliver hardware and software that are compatible with both standards," Stenbit noted.

Version 6 "is what we're going to be using" as the standard for DoD, Stenbit declared, noting, "We're anticipating moving the department to the use of IP 6 in about 2008."

Consequently, DoD acquisition officials must begin purchasing Version 6-compatible equipment now, Stenbit concluded.

Honoring the Centennial of Flight

Honoring the Centennial of Flight is a series of short vignettes about remarkable achievements or events related to the first 100 years of aerial history.

June 18, 1981, marked the first flight of the newest development in stealth aircraft technology, the F-117A Nighthawk. It was flown that day by test pilot Hal Farley at the Tonopah Test Range, Nevada. It reached initial operating capability status in October 1983 but was kept secret for five years. The last of the production run of 59 aircraft rolled off the line July 12, 1990.

The Nighthawk was first used in combat in Operation Just Cause when two aircraft from the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing attacked military targets in Panama, Dec. 19, 1989. F-117A units were in the first wave of attacks in both Desert Storm in 1991 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In Desert Storm, the F-117As flew 1,271 sorties while suffering no losses or battle damage. (Researched by Bob Hieronymus)



America at War

"I discussed the U.S. concern about the lawsuit that's recently been filed in a Belgian court against Gen. Tom Franks and against Col. Brian McCoy, alleging that they were responsible for war crimes in Iraq, as well as suits that have been filed here in Belgium against former President (George Herbert Walker) Bush, ...

Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Vice President (Dick) Cheney and Secretary (Colin) Powell.

"The suits are absurd. Indeed, I would submit that there is no general in history who has gone to greater lengths than Gen. Franks and his superb team to avoid civilian casualties. I am told that the suit against Gen. Franks was effectively invited by a Belgian law that claims to give Belgian courts powers to try the citizens of any nation for war crimes. The United States rejects the presumed authority of Belgian courts to try Gen. Franks, Col. McCoy, Vice President Cheney, Secretary Powell and Gen. Schwarzkopf, as well as former President Bush."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
From remarks at NATO Headquarters, June 12

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 137 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

'Desert Scorpion' searches for anti-coalition forces, banned weapons

By Gerry J. Gilmore American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq continued the search for

Saddam loyalists and banned heavy weapons as Operation Desert Scorpion began Sunday, according to U.S. Central Command news releases.

'Desert Scorpion', like its predecessor Operation Peninsula Strike, which began June 9, continues the search for rocket-propelled grenade rounds, explosives and other illegal weapons in Iraq, banned under the National Weapons Policy implemented June 1, according to CENTCOM.

As Desert Scorpion started up Sunday, CENTCOM noted that an anti-coalition fighter fired a rocket-propelled grenade round at U.S. soldiers who were part of a 4th Infantry Division convoy near the Iraqi town of al Mushahidah, north of Baghdad.

The rocket round hit a civilian bus near the convoy, according to CENTCOM, and U.S. troops returned fire.

In separate action the same day, enemy forces attacked another U.S. military convoy near ad Dujayl, CENTCOM said.
U.S. troops also returned fire in that

incident, CENTCOM noted, and the attackers were pursued.

CENTCOM said U.S. and coalition

CENTCOM said U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq are continuing military operations to locate and defeat pockets of Saddam supporters still in Iraq.

Peninsula Strike, a series of raids and searches led by the Army's 4th Infantry

Division, resulted in the seizure of more than 400 suspected Saddam loyalists and the confiscation of numerous weapons and ammunition, according to CENTCOM. As of June 14, all but 30 of the detainees had been released. Those remaining in U.S. custody were undergoing interrogation.

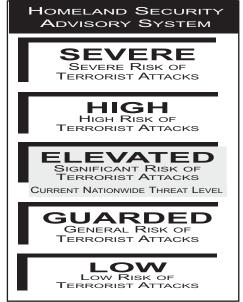
American troops involved in Peninsula Strike had blunted a June 13 night attack by pro-Saddam regime fighters, counterattacked and routed the enemy in a battle fought north of Baghdad, said Army Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, commander of coalition land forces, to Pentagon reporters from his Baghdad headquarters June 13.

CENTCOM noted in a June 14 release that four U.S. soldiers who were wounded during Peninsula Strike operations had been evacuated and were in stable condition. Two hostile Iraqis had been wounded during Peninsula Strike operations, CENTCOM said, adding that the Iraqis had also received medical treatment.

Also, two Iraqi general officers turned themselves in to coalition troops during one Peninsula Strike raid, CENTCOM said. They are Maj. Gen. Abul Ali Jasmin, secretary of the defense ministry, and Brig. Gen. Abdullah Ali Jasmin, head of Iraqi Military Academy. Both men are being detained for questioning.

And Hamid Raja Shalah al-Tikriti, another person on CENTCOM's "Iraqi Top 55 list" was recently taken into coalition custody, according to a June 14 CENTCOM release. The Iraqi, who was the commander of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein's air force, is No. 17 on the list.

Ambassador Paul Bremer, director of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, said June 12 from his Baghdad headquarters that more than half of the 55 former Iraqi officials in the defunct Hussein regime are in custody or are dead.



Source: www.whitehouse.gov

Florida unit heads north to Alaska

Six Tyndall-based F-15C Eagles, 81 service members are deployed to Elmendorf to participate in exercise

By Master Sgt. Jon Scudder 3rd Wing Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AFB, Alaska — The "Boneheads" from the 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., are doing their best to "bury" their exercise adversaries during Cooperative Cope Thunder, a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored air combat training exercise that runs through Friday in Alaska.

Six Tyndall-based F-15C Eagles and 81 service members are deployed to Elmendorf to participate in the two-week exercise to sharpen air combat skills, exchange air operations tactics and promote closer relations.

The Tyndall aircrews are working hand-in-hand with their counterparts in training scenarios as friendly and opposition forces. Exercise planners said these roles subject the pilots to every conceivable combat threat in Alaska's vast 66,000 square miles of military airspace. mock battles are taped, and during a daily debrief, technicians from the 353rd Combat Training Squadron here point out tactics the pilots performed well along with tactics that could get them killed in a real war.

With most of the sorties flown, 95th FS Deployed Commander Lt. Col Patrick Moylan can already see the benefits of the deployment.

"This exercise is a unique opportunity for us to fly in a complex training scenario with other air forces of the Pacific Rim," Colonel Moylan said. "Specifically, we have been training with the F-15Js of the (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) in large force employment tactics, with excellent results after the first week. This is a huge milestone for the JASDF since it is the first time they have deployed overseas in over 50 years, and we're happy to be participating in their Alaskan experience.

"The Cope Thunder airspace is vastly different from the over water airspace we primarily fly in back home at Tyndall. The chance to have our mission commanders and instructor pilots train in this airspace with real threat emitters, significant terrain features, and air forces from across the Pacific Air Forces theater has been fantastic."

Tyndall isn't the only unit seeing the benefits of training in Alaska. About 1,700 people are participating at Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force bases, including about 1,000 U.S. service members and 700 service members from Thailand, Singapore, Republic of Korea, India, Japan and NATO.

Japan had never deployed fighters to North America for an exercise, but did for the first time with the help of Tyndall team member Maj. Chuck Rouse, whose experience with in-flight refueling was vital to the air bridge between the two countries.

Major Rouse went to Japan earlier this year and spent two weeks teaching Japanese pilots the final phases of refueling techniques. He said seeing the Japanese successfully make the journey across the Pacific was the ultimate in job satisfaction.

"It was a very rewarding experience," Major Rouse said. "When I first went over to Japan, I didn't fully understand what a big step air refueling was for the JASDF. I soon realized the priority when I saw the emphasis their senior leadership placed on the project

and saw the impact that air refueling would have on their global mobility."

Major Rouse said the crews started their training in a classroom at Kadena Air Base, Japan, and progressed to unescorted refueling flights under a variety of day and night conditions.

"The Japanese pilots did well and were a very professional group of F-15 aviators," Major Rouse said. "The trip crossing the ocean to get here went smooth — just as planned."

Staff Sgt. Matt Kurpaski, a 95th FS life support technician, said the Cope Thunder deployment is different from others.

"We got the rare opportunity to work hand-in-hand with our Japanese life support counterparts," he said. "It was interesting to learn and see the different variations of life support equipment and training procedures."

Sergeant Kurpaski said the positive experiences of Cope Thunder went beyond the training.

"Everyone in the shop got a glimpse of the Japanese culture and the huge opportunity to be a part of history," he said.

Cope Thunder occurs periodically throughout the year in Alaska. The exercises were first held in 1976 at Clark Air Base, Philippines, but moved to Alaska in 1992 when Mount Pinatubo erupted, forcing curtailment of operations at Clark.

Since then, thousands of people from all four military services, as well as the armed services from around the world, have taken part in the training to make a more formidable war fighting force.

Airmen reminded to update vRED

In the five months since the official launch of the virtual record of emergency data, more than 383,000 airmen have updated their contact information. While this number is impressive, there is more work to be done, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here

"It's imperative we have every airman — active duty, Guard and Reserve — fill out their emergency contact information," said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, chief of the center's casualty services branch. "The information is essential for our casualty notification teams in case an airman becomes incapacitated or worse yet, killed."

Better known as vRED, this online form replaced the paper Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, as the only way for airmen to provide personal emergency information. By filling out the form from any Internet-connected computer, Air Force casualty officials have immediate access to critical information needed to contact family members if an airman becomes missing, suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies, he said.

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"Accurate and current family-contact information prevents unnecessary delays," said Couvillion. "It also avoids hours or even days of uncertainty during which casualty teams are sometimes left to track down next of kin."

New procedures require all airmen to update their information electronically every six months, before deployments and after permanent changes of station.

"Once the member initially completes the form, they will be able to go in at any time and update specific information as needed," he said. "It's simple, and it saves time over the old paper form."

On the AFPC Web page, http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, people can enter the virtual military personnel flight by clicking on the

"vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New users will need to establish an account.

The online application asks questions such as which relatives should be contacted and what their addresses are. This process takes most people about 20 minutes, said officials.

For more information about the vMPF or vRED, call the Air Force Contact Center toll free at (866) 229-7074. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Short-tour credit authorized for contingency deployments overseas

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change-of-station shorttour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations, according to Air Force Personnel officials here.

Eligible airmen must have been on

temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for at least 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay

This credit is intended to reduce the chances of people being sent as nonvolunteers to an unaccompanied short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment, officials said.

The change is an exception to current

policy, which only authorizes short-tour credit for airmen accumulating 300 or more days on TDY overseas during an 18-month period.

This exception is not without precedent. During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, an exception was approved to authorize short-tour credit to people who deployed for at least 181 consecutive days from Aug. 1, 1990, to June 10, 1991.

Airmen are responsible for requesting short-tour credit through the military personnel flight's personnel employment element at their permanent duty station. The TDY travel voucher must be completed before airmen can apply for credit. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of the deployment and if the location qualified for payment of hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay.



Job Fair

Master Sgt. Michael Russey, optometry clinic, sets up his table at the Enlisted Career Job Fair June 11 in the enlisted club ballroom. This event gave military and civilian members the chance to meet with individuals who have already re-trained or are in special duty positions. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

AFSA chapter wins awards

By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapters 1075 and 1075A, received awards at the AFSA Division 610 Convention held in May in Shreveport, La.

Both AFSA Chapter 1075 and the Auxiliary Chapter A1075 received "Chapters of the Year" for the division.

Airman 1st Class Levitica Byington was selected as the division's "First Term Airman of the Year," competing with nominees from 14 other chapters. Donna Elliott was named the division's "Auxiliary Member of the Year"

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Hulgan was awarded as the "Retainer Member of the Year," and Maria McCauslin was recognized as the "Auxiliary Recruiter of the Year."

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Hulgan and Chief Master Sgt. Kent Uphoff both were named Sky-High Members for recruiting more than 100 members in 2002 for the AFSA.

The Auxiliary Yearbook was also selected as the 'best' in the division.

Each of these division winners will compete at the international level.

The AFSA is a non-profit organization representing the

professional and personal interests of more than 134,000 active duty and retired enlisted members of all grades of the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. It was founded in 1961.

Chapter 1075 and its Auxiliary are involved in a variety of community programs including support for the Team Randolph Award programs, Airman Leadership School, First Term Airman's Center and Junior ROTC.

"Our membership in the chapter is more than 2,600 strong, and it is the third largest in the Air Force," said Chief Uphoff. "The chapter is also busy in the local community including activities involving the Adopt 'a' Highway program, VA hospital visits, Christmas parties for local children, activities for the handicapped and volunteer programs for the San Antonio USO."

The AFSA also provides financial assistance to local schools for their alcohol and drug-free graduation programs.

The chapter holds their general membership meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the enlisted club.

For more information on AFSA, visit www.afsa1075.org, or call Tech. Sgt. James Wall at 565-3449.

Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous

Community Notes

Editor's note:

In the June 13 issue of the Wingspread, on page 8 in the 'May Yard of the Month' section, a winner's name was misidentified.

Airman 1st Class Jason Lord was supposed to be identified as Airman 1st Class Justin Lord.

Annual fire flow capacity

The annual fire flow capacity test of water mains will be conducted base wide Sunday through June 27 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The test is performed by flowing area fire hydrants, so that base personnel and residents should comply with local directives by not obstructing or illegally parking adjacent to fire hydrants.

For more information, call Gordon Still at 652-3310.

AETC Top 3 meeting

The Air Education and Training Command Top 3 meeting is Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Angela Dodd at 652-1996, or visit www.hqaetctop3.org.

Technology Expo

An information technology expo, sponsored by the 12th Communications Squadron, is scheduled for Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the officers' club. A variety of vendors and showcases will include information on Compaq Federal, Hewlett-Packard, IBM and others.

The event is free and all personnel are invited.

For more information, visit www.fedpage.com/events, or call 2nd Lt. Ronald Spencer at 652-3500.

12th FTW/PA office closure

The 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office and Wingspread office will be closed today for an off-base media event rescheduled from June 6.

For emergencies, contact the on-call representative through the command post.

12th SFS closure

The 12th Security Forces Squadron staff offices will be closed for an office function June 27. Police services will be available.

For more information, call 652-5700.

CGOC meeting

The Company Grade Officers' Council will hold a meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in the officers' club.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Andrea Spencer at 652-7021.

Airlift Tanker Association Lunch

The Airlift Tanker Association, Alamo Chapter, is sponsoring a lunch Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the enlisted club.

The guest speaker will be Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander. The cost is \$6.50 for club members and \$8.50 for non-club members. Today is the last day to RSVP.

For more information, call Maj. Geoffrey Laing at 565-2453, ext. 4141. If leaving a message, indicate name, phone number, number of attendees and meal choices

Gas leak detection survey

The base-wide annual gas leak detection survey starts Monday through July 5 between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Only the outside of base homes will be checked. Due to the number of houses, there is no specific time as to when the contractor will be in a specific area.

For more information, call Clifton Young at 652-3155, or call Yvette Turner at 652-7316.



Family Support Center

Building 693 Telephone: 652-5321

CAIB

A Community Action Information Board Meeting, addressing concerns or issues from family members, is Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to have concerns addressed can e-mail barbara.pape@randolph.af.mil, or call 652-5321.

Smooth Move Seminar

For information on relocating, military travel pay, and other moving information, visit a seminar Tuesday from 9-11 a m

For more information, call 652-5321.

Driving Safety Course

Driving safety courses are offered Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Must attend both classes.

Call the South Texas Safety Council at 824-8180 for more information.

San Antonio Tour

Join others for a tour of San Antonio June 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The tour includes shopping, historic visits and lunch.

Childcare is provided with home day care providers for children under age 12.

For more information, call 652-5321.



Education Services

Building 208

Telephone: 652-5964

College Fair

Area colleges, including the University of Texas at Austin, are sending representatives to answer questions and provide promotional materials at a college fair to be held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the family support center ballroom. Financial aid, teacher certification and commissioning program representatives will also be available. In addition, Southwest Texas State University will provide unofficial teacher certification evaluations. Students interested in this service need to bring copies of all transcripts listing undergraduate degree credit. Evaluations will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

FAFSA help

Representatives from the Council of South Texas for Economic Progress will be on hand to assist you with Federal Student Aid at the college fair Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the family support center ballroom. Students interested in applying for federal financial aid will need a copy of their 2002 tax return (1040, 1040A, and W-2).

They will also have information on other financial aid and scholarships.

For more information, call 805-8339.

ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is currently accepting applications for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Bachelor of Science in the Management of Technical Operations, and Master of Aeronautical Science Degrees. The next term runs Aug. 4 through Oct. 5. Transfer credit is accepted. Undergraduate credit available for AF 7-level, A &/or P license. Graduate credit available for certain Air Force officer courses, including Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, Pilot Instructor Training and flight safety officer.

Registration begins July 21. Applications are also being accepted for qualified adjunct faculty. A masters degree in teaching field is required, and a doctorate is preferred.

Call the ERAU office at 659-0801. More information is available at www.erau/sanantonio.edu.



Chapel Services

Telephone: 652-6121

Building 102

Protestant

Sunday - Worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Worship 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in Chapel 1

Monday - Vacation Bible School at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Male Chorus at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday - Vacation Bible School at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Vacation Bible School at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Vacation Bible School at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Precept Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1; Musical Practice at 7:45 p.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Chapel 2

Friday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1.; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Saturday - St. Joseph's Men's Group at $8\ a.m.$ in Chapel 1 Sunday - Mass at $8:30\ a.m.$, $10\ a.m.$ and $11:30\ a.m.$ in

Monday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Autumn Winds Visit at 2:15 p.m. at the Autumn Winds Retirement Home; Contemporary Teen and Adult Choir at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Cantor Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2; Traditional Choir at 7:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Vacation Bible School is held Monday through June 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday- Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center

Religious Education Coordinator contract

The Catholic Parish is accepting bids for the Religious Education Coordinator Contract. Please pick up a Statement of Work from Maj. Eugene Blazek at 652-6121 to help prepare a bid. Bids must be received by Wednesday.



Movies

Telephone: 652-3278

Building 100

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Friday

"It Runs in the Family" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Kirk Douglas. A New York family is successful except when it comes to each other.

Saturday

"X-Men 2" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Halle Berry. This time the X-Men have new and old opponents to face.

Sunday

"Identity" (R), 7 p.m. Starring John Cusack. Ten strangers are stranded at a remote desert hotel in the middle of a bad storm.

Check us out online

The electronic version of the Wingspread has a link on the Randolph Web Page at

www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/pa/wingspread.htm

Improvement

Post-deployment assessment improves health care

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force surgeon general is meeting the health challenges of airmen returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom with a more vigorous, face-to-face approach.

Health-care providers have expanded and improved existing procedures by combining a larger database of existing health information about airmen, with more detailed information collected throughout their deployment, said Col. Deneice Van Hook, the SG's director of operational health support.

Injuries, changes in health, environmental conditions, and other potential factors are looked at with greater scrutiny to ensure any changes are documented and assessed, she said.

"Throughout the '90s we have always done postdeployment health assessments, but our approach now is much more robust," Van Hook said. "In the past, our postdeployment health-assessment questionnaire was a minimal form with six questions. The new form has 24 questions and airmen now meet face-to-face with health-care providers to look at actual things they may have come in contact with while deployed, and to personally and privately discuss physical- or mental-health issues. It gives them a more secure feeling that somebody cares about their health."

This aggressive approach is part of a process that spans the length of an airman's career from accession through retirement and beyond, she said.

"The improvements in automation over the last 10 years have helped us compile personal health-care data and look at it in a better way," Van Hook said. "It's part of an ongoing process to improve our ability to care for airmen.

Before an airman deploys, health-care providers ensure all data is current and that any pre-existing conditions that may preclude deployment, such as pregnancy, are identified. Airmen also complete a detailed predeployment questionnaire, receive a thorough medical records review, provide a blood sample, and obtain information about possible hazards that may exist at the deployment location.

During the deployment, health, and health risks are monitored, usually by a deployed preventive-medicine team. The team monitors issues such as food, water and environmental hazards. Any chemical or biological threats are assessed on the spot and adjustments for protection are made while in theater.

For example, if mosquitoes present a malaria threat, technicians can devise a plan to control the threat and provide preventive treatment. Teams are also able to adapt to changes within the deployment location or to follow-on locations.

As part of the redeployment process airmen also undergo a detailed, face-to-face health assessment. Technicians ensure a new blood sample is collected and stored for future reference. Within 30 days of return, a quality-assurance check is performed to ensure all requirements were met and the medical record is complete.

"Our focus is preventive and long term," said Van Hook.
"Our goal is to have a total health picture of the individual by capturing conditions in their workplace, in their home and at every location that person has deployed to. We take a look at how all these things interact so we can do a better job at predicting and preventing potential illnesses."

This preventive approach to health care at work, at home and in the field represents a more long-term approach that allows health-care providers to better predict illness and keep one step ahead of the threat, Van Hook said.

Recruiters



Each member in the Air Force is an "ambassador in blue" in the local communities. Each person can make a difference in the decision for someone to join the Air Force. Here are some tips on how you can help the recruiting effort.

- ☐ Be a role model in your community.
- ☐ Talk to young people in grocery stores at the checkout line, dry cleaners or while shopping.
- ☐ Get involved with youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations.
- ☐ Volunteer as a recruiter for a week.
- ☐ Work with your local recruiting squadron and set up some time to visit classrooms to talk about your experience.
- ☐ Talk about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you've had because you joined.
- ☐ Talk about why you are staying in the Air Force
- ☐ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.
 - ☐ Work with the public affairs office and

support base tours for local recruiters. Get local high school guidance counselors and principals involved with base activities.

- ☐ Establish an "Adopt a High School Program," where local high schools are brought in for base tours and Air Force members in each unit can talk about their experiences in the service.
- ☐ Invite local school leaders and counselors for base orientations, certainly events like air shows
- ☐ Remember to keep your public affairs office informed of these activities mentioned.
- Contact the 12th Flying Traing Wing Public Affairs office at 652-5760 for more information.



Super Guppy

This unusual visitor arrived here June 11 to deliver two Navy T-38s for repair at the Queen Bee contract field team facility here. The NASA Super Guppy nose can be opened 110 degrees to allow oversized cargo to be handled quickly. Its cargo bay is 25 feet in diameter and can hold up to 52,500 pounds. At 156 feet, its wingspan is almost half as long as the Wright Brothers' first flight. This B377SGT Super Guppy Turbine aircraft is the fourth in the developmental series that began with conversion of a C-97 cargo transport to support the original NASA space program in the 1960s. This Guppy was built on a C-97 airframe for the European Space Agency in 1980 and acquired by NASA as part of the International Space Station exchange program. It is now based at Ellington Field and supports both government and civilian contracts. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

A first for everything

By 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez 407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq — At 9:55 a.m. June 12, a small turbo-prop aircraft made history here as it became the first commercial cargo plane to land at the southern Iraqi base.

The small, 10-passenger Raytheon Beechcraft 1900, operated by Falcon Express Cargo Airlines from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, made the first of future "official business only" deliveries.

"We're bringing the 21st century into Iraq," said Capt. Gary Jackson, operations officer for the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"This is the first contracted civilian airline we've had since we secured the air base," said Maj. Seann Cahill, 407th ELRS commander. "It sets a precedence here and I hope it sets it for the rest of the world. We're hoping it will be impetus for us to get the attention of the civilian airlines for things like rotator flights."

The arrival of the tiny cargo plane brings in a mission benefit many times its size. According to Cahill, regularly scheduled deliveries to Tallil will significantly reduce the average time it takes to receive parts. Currently, ordered parts take 10 days to two weeks to arrive; however, using a civilian contract carrier to deliver parts now cuts the delivery time to four or five days.

While this was the first delivery to Tallil and the first flight into Iraq for the three-person crew, it was certainly not the first delivery that Falcon Express has made in the country, said copilot Andrew Bailey. Bailey said the Dubai-based airline has already been delivering packages to Kirkuk Air Base for some time.

"It's great," said Bailey. "We didn't get shot down, and didn't get lost."

"I had no concerns about flying in here," said Jose Monzon Jr., the aircraft's flight engineer.

"If it happens, it happens," said Monzon about the perceived dangers of flying into Iraq.

Falcon Express is scheduled to make three deliveries per week, Cahill said.

Keeping your children safe in the summer heat

By Sara Wilson

12th Services Division Family Member programs flight chief

From 1996 through 2000, more than 120 children, most of them three years old and younger, died from heat stroke after being trapped in a vehicle's passenger compartment. Research conducted by General Motors revealed that these children were left behind in a closed, parked car by parents or caregivers, or that they gained access to the car on their own and could not get out.

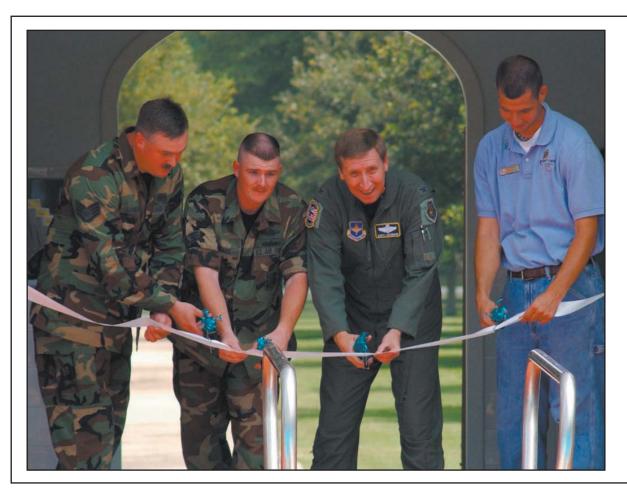
This is a serious public health issue, and one that is entirely preventable.

Parents may mistakenly think that they can safely leave a child in a vehicle for a "quick" errand. Unfortunately, a delay of just a few minutes can lead to tragedy. Heat is much more dangerous to children than it is to adults. When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase three to five times faster than that of an adult. This could cause permanent injury or even death.

General Motors and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign remind parents and caregivers that it is dangerous to leave children in cars as well as allowing children to play around

Guidelines for keeping your kids safe:

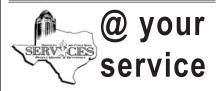
- Teach children not to play in, on or around cars.
- Never leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle, even with the window slightly open. This applies to pets as well. On a typically sunny, summer day, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach potentially deadly levels within minutes.
- Always lock car doors and trunks, even at home, and keep keys out of children's reach.
- Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading or unloading. Check to ensure that all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination. Don't overlook sleeping infants.
- Secure children correctly on every ride. Go to www.gmability.com or www.safekids.org for more information.
- If you own a 1990 or later GM passenger seat, see if you can have it equipped with a trap resistant trunk kit at your nearest dealer.
- When restraining children in a car that has been parked in the heat, check to make sure seating surfaces and equipment, car seat and seat belt buckles, aren't overly hot.



Center Pool reopens

(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Scott Hamilton and Staff Sgt. James Evans, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron, help Col. Daryl Hausmann, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander and Erik Markus, 12th Services Division, cut the ribbon at the Center Pool re-opening recently. Slides and a waterfall were added. The Center Pool is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-7 p.m. for swimming, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 1-6 p.m. for swimming, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. for water aerobics and physical therapy. For more information, call 652-3698. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

Base offers monthly activities



Renegade football, pep squad registration

Registration for the 2003 youth football/pep squad season will begin July 1 and end July 26. Youth ages 6 - 10 will participate in flag football, age as of Aug. 1. Youth ages 11 - 13 will participate in tackle football. All players must have a sports physical prior to participating. The fees for flag football and all pep squad participants are \$35 per player with a maximum of \$70 per family in each sport. The fees for tackle football are \$45 per player with a maximum of \$90 per family. The activity fee must be current for all participants. Practice begins Aug. 1, the season begins in September and ends in November. Adults interested in coaching either football or pep squad are encouraged to stop by the youth center or call Barney Clay at 652-2088 for more information.

Sunset Cruise

Outdoor recreation at Canyon Lake invites people to enjoy a sunset cruise on the lake, departing the marina Saturday and June 28 at 6:30 p.m. and returning after sunset. The

cruise is approximately 2 1/2 hours long. The cruise takes place every Saturday and is only \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

For more information call Canyon Lake at 1-800-280-3466.

Comal River night dive

A night diving and snorkel trip is scheduled for Sunday on the Comal River. Participation is limited to fifteen divers/non-divers, so reserve early. All participants will be responsible for providing the required equipment and a valid certification "C" card.

The price for divers is \$30 and for snorkelers is \$15. The trip will leave the equipment checkout facility at 6:30 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Canyon Lake diving trip

Canyon Lake Outdoor Recreation invites all certified scuba divers to sign up for the Canyon Lake diving trip. It will consist of a two-tank dive at one of the known diving sites on Canyon Lake. All divers must provide required equipment, including a valid certification "C" card. Seats are limited to 8 divers per trip.

The price is \$45 and the boat will depart from the Marina June 28 at 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Sea World of Texas

The world's largest marine life adventure park and family entertainment showplace presents a lineup of more than 25 shows, rides, animal attractions, and educational experiences for all

Daily admission passes are available for \$22 for everyone ages 3 and up. A two-year season pass is also available for \$76.50.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Advanced tickets are available at ITT for \$24 for everyone ages 3 and up.

Schlitterbahn Water Park

The park is located on the banks of the spring-fed Comal River in New Braunfels, between San Antonio and Austin. Discounted tickets are available for \$27.25 for adults and \$22.50 for children ages 3-11.

Splashtown San Antonio

Splashtown open daily through Aug. 17 and Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 14. Discounted passes are available at the ITT office for \$13 for everyone ages 3 and up.

June Calendar

Today – June 30 Journey Around the World,
Fitness Center
Today Texas Connection, 6:30 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge,
Officers' Club

Saturday Give Parents a Break, 5-11 p.m., CDC

Saturday Texas Treasure Casino Tour, 7:30 a.m. Departure, Information, Tickets and

Travel

Saturday Weekend Rafting Trip, 10 a.m. Departure,

Equipment Checkout
Monday \$10,000 Bingo Extravaganza,

6 p.m., Enlisted Club Monday – June 27 Youth Golf Clinic, 8 a.m.,

Golf Course
Birthday Celebration,
2:15 p.m., Child Development

Center

27-29 Hotter'N Hell Open Skeet
Shoot, 8 a.m., Skeet Range
27 Borderline, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.,
Sky Lounge, Officers' Club

Sky Lounge, Officers' Cit 28 San Antonio Food Bank Volunteer Service, Teen Event, Youth Center

Airmen's Dining Facility

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Weekday meals:
5:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Carry out

Weekends and Holidays: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner No carry out

Aviation, navigation

562nd FTS provides training

By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

In contrast to the other flying training squadrons here, the 562nd Flying Training Squadron has a very different and unique mission.

The 562nd FTS provides undergraduate navigator training to Air Force, Navy, Air National Guard and select international students leading to their designation as Navigators or Naval Flight Officers. The students are taught basic navigation skills, airmanship, force employment, and joint operations, in addition to their continual professional development.

"The 562nd is the largest flying squadron on base," said Cmdr. Dan Ball, 562 FTS commander, "and the largest joint flying training squadron in the Department of Defense. Including instructors, students and the administrative support staff, there are nearly 500 personnel in the squadron."

Approximately 40 percent of the squadron, including students and staff, is composed of Navy personnel while the other 60 percent are Air Force members.

"One of our truly unique aspects is our joint training environment. More than just the improved cost-effectiveness of joint training, the diverse backgrounds of our instructor cadre provide the students with a greater breadth of instructional and operational expertise," added Commander Ball.

The students accomplish their training missions in both the T-45 simulator complex, which has the capacity to conduct up to 72 missions per day, and the T-43A (Boeing 737) aircraft, which provides necessary airmanship skills. The "flying classroom" has 12 student stations on board, making it an efficient airborne training platform. Missions are performed with a two-to-one student-instructor ratio.

The training syllabus is divided into several phases, said the commander, using the building block approach to teach radio navigation, radar, global and low-level navigation. For Air Force students the training generally lasts 9-10 months, while the Navy students, because of prior flight training at Pensacola, usually take 6-7 months to complete a shorter curriculum.

Civilian academic instructors, simulator console operators and T-43 pilots, most of whom have significant prior military experience, directly

Ensign Roy Lopez, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, trains during a T-45 simulator mission. (Courtesy photo)

support the navigator training. Portions of the curriculum are provided by the 563rd FTS and the 99th FTS.

"Historically, there is about a seven percent attrition rate," said the commander. "The training process is long and very demanding, but the students always show great enthusiasm for learning their trade and are truly motivated to earn and receive their wings."

The squadron celebrates the achievement of graduation with a ceremony for 20-30 graduates every three weeks.

Once the students complete their training at Randolph, they go to a variety of locations for aircraft specific follow-on training. The Air Force officers select from a number of different aircraft, including the C-130 (all variants), B-52, KC-135, RC-135, E-3, and E-8. Navy graduates will go on to train in either the P-3C, EP-3 or E-6 aircraft. Students can also elect to become electronic warfare officers and receive additional training at the 563rd FTS prior to their follow on assignment.

During the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, the 562nd FTS received an "Outstanding" rating.

For more information on the 562nd FTS, call 652-7562



Navy Lt. Clint Cody, 562nd Flying Training Squadron instructor, teaches a class in one of the squadron classrooms. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)



Troops to Teachers

By Meryl Kettler Coordinator of Texas Troops to Teachers

The Troops to Teachers program continues to provide advisement and financial aid to retired military personnel and other eligible veterans who wish to become teachers.

As part of the "No Child Left Behind Act", Troops to Teachers was authorized to continue through Fiscal Year 2006. Additionally, funds were authorized to pay for the certification programs of degreed veterans, up to \$5000, or as a bonus, \$10,000, for teaching in a "high needs" school.

Eligibility categories for funding have been expanded to include all retired active duty military, Reserves or National Guard, no matter when they retired. There are additional eligibility categories for current drilling reservists or Guard personnel with ten or more years of creditable service, or personnel who leave active duty with six or more years, and who commit to at least three years with the Selective, drilling, Reserves or National Guard.

In order to qualify for the Troops to Teachers funding, an eligible veteran must first register with the national TTT program. Then, when the veteran is accepted into a teacher certification program, he or she requests a stipend to help pay for the

program.

Participation in any state approved teacher certification program will qualify for the stipend, whether it be a university post-baccalaureate program or an alternative teacher certification program. To receive the bonus of \$10,000 an individual must be hired at a campus where at least 50 percent of the students are on free lunches. reduced price Acceptance of a TTT stipend or bonus incurs a three-year teaching obligation in a high needs district or school.

Since the funding became available in January 2002, Texas has led the nation in the number of participants receiving financial awards. We have received 111 bonus awards and 101 stipend awards. Recipients are teaching in demanding areas like special education, science and math, and are employed in some of the schools with the highest need. On the national level, over 1,000 participants have begun certification programs, and 687 have already been hired.

To find out more, call the Texas Troops to Teachers office at 1-800-810-5484, and ask for Meryl Kettler, or her assistant, Dale Reynolds, to provide information on eligibility for funding, as well as information on the teacher certification programs available in your area.

Army kids to play Navy at White House

By Patrick Swan Army Knowledge Online

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - "He's probably gonna want a hug or something," said John Camarella, 6, when asked what he thought the president's reaction will be at the first-ever Army-Navy Tee Ball game at the White House.

Everyone knows ball players are tough and that won't be any different when the Fort Belvoir "Braves" Tee Ball team takes the field on the South Lawn Sunday against the Navy's "Yankees" from Naval Station Norfolk, Va., in what may be the beginning of another classic Army-Navy rivalry.

This is the seventh game to be played on the South Lawn since May 6, 2001, when President George W. Bush began the initiative as a way to boost interest in baseball among children and parents.

Shortly after the May 16 announcement at the White House, Lance Van Auken, a representative from Little League Baseball, met with players, coaches and parents at Sosa Community Community Center at Fort Belvoir to share the good news about the White House invitation.

The Army team is composed of service family members aged 5-6 years. It combines players from Fort Belvoir's eight-member teams, the Braves and the Padres Little League teams, to form the larger Braves Army squad.

"Little League Baseball recommended Fort Belvoir's [combined] team to represent the Army because they have an exceptionally well-run program here for these young people," Van Aucken said.

The June 22 game will keep with the tradition of Tee Ball on the South Lawn, Van Aucken said. No score will be tallied and every player on both teams will play on defense and bat once in the one-inning game.

President Bush is scheduled to present an autographed baseball to each player, manager and coach, and to visit with family members attending.

The Army-Navy match is the first game of the 2003 White House Tee Ball season, Van Aucken said. It is also the first to feature teams composed largely of family members of military personnel. In addition, the Fort Belvoir-based Army team includes players who have a parent serving in one of the other military services, but who live on the Army post.

While the parents are understandably excited about the game, the players themselves are taking it pretty much in stride.

"They just want to play and have fun," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Blackmon, assistant coach of the Belvoir Braves. "It probably won't sink in until they see the building and the president."

Blackmon is a 19-year veteran and Army cook. His son, Bryan, 6, is a Braves player. "This is a huge honor for us and a great morale booster for these children."

Five-year-old Zachary Nowak said he is very excited to be playing at the White House in front of the president: "I've seen him on TV."

Zachary said the most important thing about Tee Ball is to "keep your eye on the ball." His father, Charles Nowak, a 14-year veteran, is a marine science technician who works at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Staff Sgt. Tim Purdue — who works at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency located on Belvoir — coaches players, including his daughter, Danielle, 5, for the Braves team.

"My dad supported me when I played Tee Ball and I'm carrying on the tradition with my children," Purdue said. "This sport is great for young people because it teaches teamwork and getting along with others. Seeing

my daughter have fun with kids her age makes it all worth it. And going to the White House makes it even more special."

Maj. C.J. Wallington, a team leader at Army Knowledge Online, the Army Portal, based at Belvoir, coaches the Padres. He said it is nice to see Army families being recognized for their efforts.

"The Army, and the other services, do many more things than just fight and win our nation's wars," Wallington said. "Soldiers are a part of their communities. Sports such as Tee Ball build esprit de corps and character in children who then learn responsibility and teamwork and become better members of our community.

"I was just floored when I learned our team was chosen to play," said Wallington. "I"m really excited but I don"t think it"s really sunk in yet."

Wallington said Tee Ball in particular teaches that, as in life, you don't win every time (players can strike out, for instance, in a given at-bat), but, if you learn the rules and work to improve, you"ll do better as you go along.

"President Bush is a former Little Leaguer and look how far he went," Wallington said. His 5-year-old son, CJ the fourth, plays for the Padres and is on the combined Army team.

A picnic for players and families immediately follows the game. Van Aucken said the same White House chefs who prepare steak dinners for visiting dignitaries will be grilling hot dogs for the Tee Ball players and their families.

In the event of rain on Sunday, the game will be rescheduled, Van Aucken added.

(Editor's note: Patrick Swan is the public affairs officer for Army Knowledge Online. Dawn Dearden, a public affairs strategist in the Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Office, contributed to this story.)

Air Force's first female boxer debuts

By Staff Sgt. Jerron Barnett 33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — An airman here is not worried about the odds of her winning her first national bout in Augusta, Ga., which ends Saturday — she has already beat the odds to become the first female on the Air Force boxing team.

Staff Sgt. Charmaine Carrington, a 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weaponsload crew chief, is eyeing the top spot in the competition with determination.

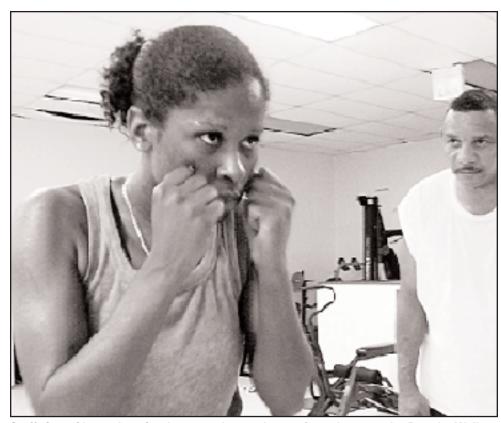
Growing up, she was one of three girls amongst seven siblings and one of the wing's only female airmen in munitions, so in a sport that is predominantly male, she feels right at home.

"I hadn't really thought about being the first female at the time it happened, but it hit me later that I was," she said. "It doesn't bother me at all being the only female around. I'm used to it."

Carrington only recently became interested in competing in the sport, but the California native watched matches of her favorite fighters, like Muhammad Ali, and saw herself boxing someday.

"I've only been interested in boxing for the last couple years," she said. "I've done all the other sports, and I really just wanted to try this one."

She found out how to join the Air Force team through her coach and friends at a local boxing club and filed her application with the help of Eglin's fitness center workers.



Staff Sgt. Charmaine Carrington takes pointers from her coach, Dennis Walker. Carrington is the first female on the Air Force boxing team. She was scheduled to box in her first national match Wednesday at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Carrington is a weapons-load crew chief assigned to the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Eglin AFB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jerron Barnett)

Carrington contacted Tech. Sgt. Ronald Simms, one of the team's coaches at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and kept in touch until she got the response she wanted.

"I kept bugging them," she said. "I kept calling and basically harassing them."

Carrington finally got her chance in

January. After two weeks of intense training and Simms' tough coaching at Lackland, she won a box-off used to determine who would be chosen out of the three females trying-out.

"I get a lot of support from my family and supervisors in this, and everyone was happy I made it," Carrington said. "It would be hard for me to do this without their support. My husband is all for it."

Since then, the junior-welterweight has been training for her first national-level bout in the upcoming three-day tournament in Augusta. She trains six days a week, running nearly 40 miles a week, sparring and bag work.

"I've been working with Charmaine now for a little over two years and the enthusiasm she brings to the gym is unspeakable," said Dennis Walker, her local boxing coach and trainer, who is assigned to the 96th Communications Group. "When she comes to the gym to train, she not only trains hard but compels others to train hard also."

"The training is hard, but I have fun," Carrington said.

Carrington has fought in seven bouts since she has been on the team, mostly against local amateurs. She has a spotless 7-0 record.

The level of competition in Augusta will be the best amateur female boxers the nation has to offer, and she envisions herself doing well.

"I'll be all right. I'm fighting to be number one," she said. "I'll do this as long as I'm one of the best, and then I'll find something else to do."

Simms says this goal is well within reach

"A very realistic expectation for Charmaine is to be ranked in the top three in the country," he said.

Sports Briefs

Nutrition for everday living

Enroll in the next class starting June 30 at 10:30 a.m at the fitness center.

For more information or to sign up for this class or others, call the Health and Wellness Center at 652-2300.

Senior fitness

Exercise at any age has benefits from reducing the risk of heart problems, including heart attacks, to preventing osteoporosis.

To enroll in the next class, which is Monday at 2:30 p.m., call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Weigh to Win

This class is designed to help change eating habits and make life changes.

The next class is Thursday at 12 p.m.

Contact the Health And Welness Center at 652-2300 for more information or to enroll.

Relaxation chair available

To make an appointment to use the relaxation room and massage chair, contact the HAWC at 652-2300.

Tae Kwon Do class

Learn the Chung Do Kawn style of Tae Kwon Do, the Center at 652-2300.

traditional Korean art of self-defense.

The class is \$30 per month for up to five classes per week. Classes are available for men, women and children, ages 10 and up.

Those interested in enrolling may do so after first observing any class session. Master Stephen Glass, a sixth-degree black belt, teaches the classes.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Prenatal, postpartum fitness education

This class will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 652-2300.